

SPECIAL ELECTION

February 13, 2024
Ballots are mailed January 16, 2024



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Mason County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

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Dear Voter;

As we gear up for the 2024 election cycle, it’s important to remember that according to the Constitution of the State of Washington (Article I), “All political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights”. Your vote in an election is how you convey your political power and consent. This is why we are passionate about conducting your elections with integrity and ensuring that every legal vote is counted correctly. If you need assistance with voting or know someone who does, please let us know, and we will do what we can to help.

There are some changes to election laws this year resulting from legislation enacted in 2023. Please take time to review our election laws in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 29A where you can learn how your election system works. You can find these statutes at the Washington State Legislature website, leg.wa.gov.

As always, it is important to confirm your voter registration address and mailing address in VoteWa and update it if necessary. You can access your information at www.VoteWa.gov, recently updated for better user experience by the Office of Secretary of State. Keeping the voter registration database current and correct starts with you. You have until February 5, 2024, to update your registration information online for this February Special election. After that, you can update your personal information in person with a visit to the Vote Center located at 411 N 5th Street in Shelton where you can also verify the signature we have on file for you. This is important because your signature is what the Elections Department uses to authenticate your ballot.

If you have questions or want to get more involved in the upcoming elections, contact your dedicated Elections Department staff (Marie, Susan, and Kailey) by telephone at 360-427-9670 Ext. 470, or by e-Mail at elections@masoncountywa.gov.

This February Special election includes important ballot measures. Study these measures carefully and let your voice be heard through your vote.

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Voting Instructions

1. The ballot packet for the February 13 Special Election will be mailed to you on January 16. The packet will include your official ballot, a security sleeve, and a postage-paid return declaration envelope.



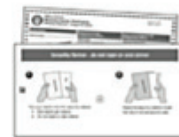
2. To vote the ballot, use a dark ink pen to completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice. Do not use a felt tip marker. Vote for one in each race.



3. Remove the stub at the top of your ballot.
If you forget to remove the stub, your ballot will still be counted.



4. Place your voted ballot into the security sleeve.
If you forget the security sleeve, your ballot will still be counted.



5. Put the ballot/security sleeve into the return declaration envelope and seal.



6. **Sign and date your return declaration envelope.** Your signature on the return declaration envelope is required for your ballot to be counted.



7. Return your ballot by mail or by depositing in a ballot drop box.



Or



Ballot must be postmarked
no later than February 13.

Ballot must be in the drop box **by 8:00 pm, February 13.**

Return Your Ballot Quickly Mail or Ballot Drop Box

Mail – No postage is required to return your ballot via the US Postal Service. Use the enclosed postage paid envelope.

For your ballot to be counted it must be postmarked

on or before February 13, 2024 – Election Day.

We recommend mailing your ballot no later than February 9.

Ballot Drop Box – Convenient, Safe and Secure

Ballots are collected regularly by two election staff.

For your ballot to be counted it must be deposited in a ballot drop box

before 8:00 pm on February 13, 2024 – Election Night.

Ballot Drop Box Locations

Auditor's Office – Mason County Offices, 411 N 5th St (alley) - **Drive-thru**

Building 1 – Mason County Offices, 411 N 5th St (main entrance)

Vote Center – Mason County Offices, 411 N 5th St (second floor)

YMCA – Shelton Family YMCA, 3101 N Shelton Springs Rd - **Drive-thru**

Kamilche – Fire District No. 4 Station, 3660 SE Old Olympic Hwy

Dayton – Fire District No. 16 Station, 4650 W Dayton Airport Rd - **Drive-thru**

Grapeview – Horton Community Center, 4350 Grapeview Loop Rd

Allyn – Port of Allyn, 18560 E State Route 3

Belfair – North Mason Timberland Library, 23081 NE State Route 3 - **Drive-thru**

Union – Chevron Station, 1031 E McReavy Rd

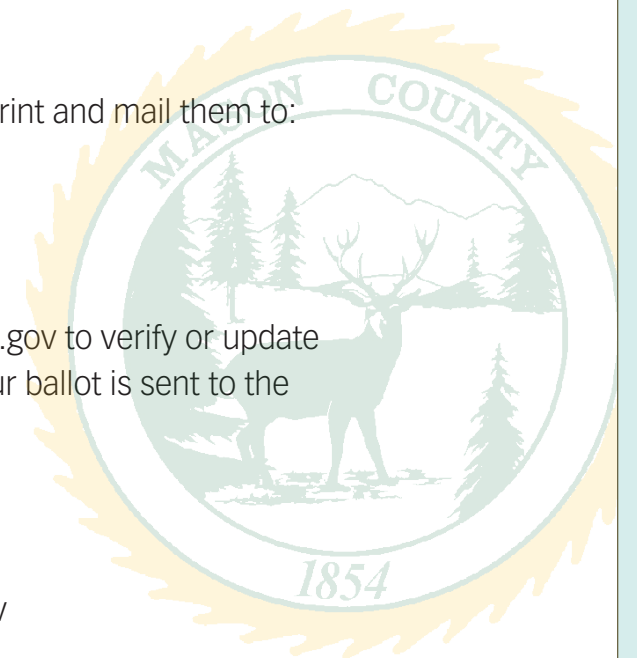
Skokomish – Twin Totems Store, 19390 US-101 - **Drive-thru**

Hoodsport – Hood Canal Visitor Center, 150 N Lake Cushman Rd



County Election Certification at 2:00 pm

Online: www.sos.wa.gov/acp



**Mason County
Emergency Communication Systems (9-1-1)
Sales and Use Tax**

The Mason County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2023-075, concerning a sales and use tax increase pursuant to RCW 82.14.420. If approved, this proposition would authorize Mason County to impose a sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent to provide ongoing funds for financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities commonly known as the 911 system.

Should this proposition be approved?

☐ Yes

☐ No

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

MACECOM 911 is the consolidated countywide dispatch center for all fire/EMS and law enforcement service agencies in Mason County. MACECOM is responsible for receiving all emergency 911 calls and dispatching the appropriate police, fire or emergency medical assistance to emergencies reported. This proposition would authorize an increase to the countywide sales and use tax by one-tenth of one percent or one cent on a ten-dollar taxable purchase for MACECOM 911 for its emergency communications system. The increase is needed to fund costs for mission critical infrastructure and increase staffing and operations of the 911 center. Every first responder relies on the system for their safety and the safety of the public. Tax proceeds would be used for the sole purpose of funding the cost associated with staffing, retention and recruitment, financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping and improvements of the Mason County 911 public safety emergency communications systems and facilities.

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ARGUMENT FOR THE MEASURE

I support the MACECOM 911 proposal to increase the sales and use tax by one-tenth of one percent (0.1%). MACECOM needs additional funding to help expand current staffing levels and upgrade aging and outdated radio equipment. Mason County has seen an increase in population growth over the past 2-5 years. With more people comes more 911 calls for emergency services. MACECOM is an important partner for law enforcement and fire/EMS first responders. Our 911 system needs to have adequate staffing and equipment to ensure clear communication in the field.

This proposal is asking the public for an additional 1/10th of 1% for a total of 2/10ths of 1%. This means that 2 cents for every \$10 spent on taxable items goes to 911. Funding for 911 comes from User Fees (paid by law enforcement and fire district budgets), Wired and Wireless Phone Tax, and the current 1/10th of 1% sales tax. Sales tax includes everyone, not just property owners in Mason County. Everyone who spends money in Mason County, regardless of their residency, will be contributing to 911.

Every first responder in Mason County counts on a radio system so they can communicate with 911 and with each other. These vital communications happen every day. For this reason, I support the proposal to increase the sales and use tax to two-tenths of one percent.

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ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MEASURE

This is not a statement against 911 or emergency services but a statement about the burden of taxes on citizens. Washington State has some of the highest taxes in the country, which is an ongoing burden to citizens. Unfortunately, because of Washington's funding structure, 911 and other emergency services rely on taxpayers for more money because other funding models do not support the growing expense to provide services. I would hope that Washington would look at how many small communities rely on the use of taxes to fund services and find a better way.

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Accessible Voting Unit

The Accessible Voting Unit is a voting assistance device that enables voters with visual impairments, cognitive/learning disabilities, or limited mobility to vote independently and with privacy.

Accessible voting is available starting 18 days before Election Day
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and Election Day 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
To use the Accessible Voting Unit or for more information, visit or contact our office.

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Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

The committee updates the plan of outreach strategies for Mason County Elections to provide accessible services to voters with disabilities in our community and to ensure it is within statutory authority and maintains compliance with local, state and federal legal requirements.

To volunteer to be a committee member or for more information, visit our website www.masoncountywaelections.gov or contact our office (360) 427-9670 ext. 470 or elections@masoncountywa.gov.

Elections Are Secure and Accurate

Tabulation equipment is certified by the Washington Secretary of State and the Federal Election Assistance Commission. The system is never connected to the Internet.

Official Logic and Accuracy

- Before each election, a public logic and accuracy test is conducted to ensure that voting equipment is ready for use and properly prepared to count ballots.
- The logic and accuracy test is verified by independent observers and the Office of the Secretary of State.

Random Audit

- Random audits are conducted prior to the certification of each election.
- Batches to be audited are randomly selected.
- The audit compares the vote totals from the tabulation system to a hand count of physical ballots.

Risk Limiting Audit (RLA)

- An RLA is an additional audit of randomly selected ballots.
- The ballots are compared to the tabulation system record.
- An RLA can verify that no significant error occurred and that there were no undetected problems.

To learn more, contact the
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**Grapeview School District No. 54
Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs
and Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Grapeview School District No. 54 adopted Resolution No. 11.28.23A, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Maximum Levy Amount
2025	\$0.63	\$946,724
2026	\$0.63	\$990,095
2027	\$0.62	\$1,024,570
2028	\$0.60	\$1,042,216

all as provided in Resolution No. 11.28.23A.

Should this proposition be approved?

☐ Levy Yes

☐ Levy No

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Passage of this Proposition would allow Grapeview School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including: non-high fees, class size reduction, special education, school counseling services, school nurse services, music and performing arts, STEM programs, extra-curricular activities, athletics, transportation, food service, and other maintenance, operations and staffing.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$946,724 in 2025, \$990,095 in 2026, \$1,024,570 in 2027 and \$1,042,216 in 2028. The tax levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.63 in 2025, \$0.63 in 2026, \$0.62 in 2027 and \$0.60 in 2028. The exact tax levy rates and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call the Mason County Assessor at 360-427-9670.

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ARGUMENT FOR THE MEASURE

Replacement Levy for Grapeview School District:

The Grapeview Levy Committee is asking for your vote in support of the 2024 levy. Taxpayers have long supported the Grapeview School District (GSD) through local bonds and levies, because they know that a great school is the heart of a thriving community. Grapeview rates high in academics, athletics, and the arts. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) is incorporated into the mainstream curriculum. The school has an active Parent Teacher Association, a community volunteer program, and a hands-on student managed garden.

State and federal funds do not cover the entire cost of ensuring the high quality of programs and operation standards of GSD. That is why we are asking for your support. As diligent stewards of your tax dollars, GSD acted in 2023 by leveraging favorable market conditions to restructure a 2013 bond. In 2024, the bond interest cost will be reduced by over \$67,000 annually, or \$694,173 total.

Not all state tax dollars come back to GSD. Passing the levy means offering Grapeview students an education from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. It means a fully funded arts program, adequate funds for non-state funded staff, services for students with special needs, and funds for building operations and food services. It means we continue having high quality programs and operation standards that make GSD the highest performing school in Mason County.

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ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MEASURE

No argument submitted.

Proposition No. 1
McCleary School District No. 65
Replacement Educational Programs
and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of McCleary School District No. 65 adopted Resolution No. 2024-2, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State of Washington (including Special Education, Food Service, Extracurricular activities, Preschool, Non-High Payments, and staffing):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.47	\$1,280,000
2026	\$2.37	\$1,280,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2024-2.

Should this proposition be approved?

☐ Levy Yes

☐ Levy No

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow McCleary School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to: Food Service, Special Education, Extracurricular activities, Preschool, Non-High Payments, and staffing not funded by the State. Further information is available at the District's website <https://mccleary.wednet.edu/>.

The proposed two-year replacement levy would authorize collection of up to \$1,280,000 in 2025 and \$1,280,000 in 2026. The tax levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$2.47 in 2025 and \$2.37 in 2026. The amounts are further capped by a maximum rate of \$2.50 under current law. The rates and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available. Call Grays Harbor County Assessor at 360-249-4121 or Mason County Assessor at 360-427-9670.

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ARGUMENT FOR THE MEASURE

No argument submitted.

ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MEASURE

No argument submitted.



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Proposition No. 1
Elma School District No. 68
Replacement Educational Programs
and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Elma School District No. 68 adopted Resolution No. 5-2324, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.19	\$3,150,500
2026	\$2.19	\$3,150,500

all as provided in Resolution No. 5-2324 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy.

Should this proposition be approved?

☐ Levy Yes

☐ Levy No

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Elma School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of the calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to: reduced class sizes, athletics, extracurricular activities, after school and summer programs, maintenance and operations. Further information is available at the District's website <https://www.eagles.edu/>.

The proposed two-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$3,150,500 in 2025 and \$3,150,500 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.19 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rates and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Grays Harbor County Assessor at 360-249-4121 or the Mason County Assessor at 360-427-9670.

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ARGUMENT FOR THE MEASURE

Elma Neighbors,

I want to talk to you about our schools and why it's important to vote `YES` for our school levy. This is not a new tax. It's the same one we've had before, so you won't pay more than you do now.

This money helps pay for sports, clubs, and some of the staff at our schools. These things are not paid for by the state, but they are really important for our kids. We all know that being part of a team or a club helps kids do better and feel good about themselves. It's not just about learning in class - it's about doing things they enjoy and are good at.

We've always been great at supporting our schools because we know it's good for our kids. They get to do so many different things that help them shine and grow. Let's keep that going!

Please vote `YES` on the upcoming levy. It means our kids can keep doing all these great activities that help them learn and grow outside of regular classes.

Thanks for your support,

Tom Boling

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ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MEASURE

No argument submitted.



**Mary M. Knight School District No. 311
School Education Enrichment Levy**

The Board of Directors of Mary M. Knight School District No. 311, adopted Resolution No. 23-05, concerning a proposition to finance its education enrichment expenses. If approved, this proposition would levy the following excess taxes on taxable property within the District for education enrichment expenses in the District.

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.08	\$730,500.00
2026	\$2.08	\$818,200.00

Should this proposition be approved?

- ☐ Levy Yes
- ☐ Levy No

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of property taxes within Mary M. Knight School District in the amount of \$730,500 per year, for collection in 2025 and \$818,200 per year, for collection in 2026, inclusive. In accordance with Resolution No. #23-05 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Mary M. Knight School District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District that are not funded or fully funded by the State. General expenses of the District include teaching, instructional materials, special programs activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools.

If authorized by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$2.08 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the years 2025 and 2026, inclusive. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District and the legal limit of the levy amount at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call your County Assessor.

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ARGUMENT FOR THE MEASURE

By continuing a stable tax rate for our community that also addresses the educational needs of all students in the Mary M. Knight School District is a primary goal of planning the renewal levy for the February 13, 2024 election. Our local levy dollars, when approved by voters, provide funds specifically for our district and help our students.

The MMK levy is not a new tax. It is a replacement of the one that will expire at the end of 2024. As you know, schools are not fully funded by the state. The proposed EP&O levy rate is \$2.08 per \$1,000 assessed property value, which is a reduction from the 2022 EP&O levy rate of \$2.33. The levy duration is two years, with a yearly projected amount of \$730,500 in year 2025 and \$818,200 in year 2026.

Districts rely on voter-approved levies to bridge the funding gap and pay for what our students need. At Mary M. Knight the EP&O provides services and programs that are either not funded or not fully funded by Washington State. These services and programs include athletics, technology for students, curriculum, student support services, Career and Technical Education (Vocational Ed), student transportation, food service, nursing services, and more. EP&O levies are critical to the health and safety of our schools.

This levy will ensure that all students will have the same opportunities to learn, grow, succeed and allows us to provide the quality education our community expects for our children.

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ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MEASURE

No argument submitted.

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**Hood Canal School District No. 404
Bonds to Expand and Renovate Hood Canal School**

The Board of Directors of Hood Canal School District No. 404 adopted Resolution No. 04-2324, concerning a proposition to accommodate enrollment growth and improve educational opportunities. This proposition would authorize the District to: expand and renovate Hood Canal School (including constructing a building for science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) and the outdoor educational program; constructing preschool classrooms addition; constructing a transportation center; upgrading playground areas for disability access; making site improvements); issue no more than \$33,510,055 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 04-2324.

Should this proposition be:

☐ Approved

☐ Rejected

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Passage of this proposition would authorize Hood Canal School District to issue \$33,510,055 of bonds to expand and renovate Hood Canal School, including: (1) constructing a building with classrooms and labs for science, arts, technology, and engineering plus an outdoor education classroom, covered play area, storage, and renovation of existing classrooms and connection; (2) constructing preschool classrooms addition with dedicated preschool playground and new library; (3) constructing a transportation center on district property; (4) upgrading playground areas for disability access and improved safety and function; and (5) making site improvements, including improving student pickup/drop off areas and constructing south side transportation site, a maintenance shed and covered and other outdoor play areas. The School Board determined that these projects were necessary to accommodate enrollment growth (including preschool), improve educational opportunities, and address aging and educationally outdated infrastructure and safety. Further information is available at <https://www.hoodcanal.wednet.edu/>.

The bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes over a period of approximately 21 years. The District estimates a tax rate for the bonds of \$1.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$35 per month for a \$400,000 home. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Mason County Assessor (360)427-9670, Ext: 491.

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ARGUMENT FOR THE MEASURE

Hood Canal is a Preschool-8th grade public school recognized for its real-world learning opportunities and strong money management. All our capital debt is paid off and regionally we have the lowest school tax rate.

Our student population is growing, yet we lack science labs, art and music rooms. We teach classes on our stage and small groups meet in busy workrooms. Our preschool program turns away families due to a lack of space and our aging transportation center limits our ability to safely service buses.

We have minimal playground equipment and numerous accessibility issues.

This bond keeps tax rates near the lowest in the region while addressing these critical needs and investing in our community's future through:

-A two classroom addition that expands the preschool program and playground to serve our little ones with disabilities and those waitlisted, plus a school library with maker spaces for hands-on learning and technology.

-A junior high addition including an art classroom, outdoor education hub, and flexible classroom spaces supporting the teaching of life skills, career exploration, science, and future student and program growth.

-A bus maintenance and transportation center relocated away from the main school to safely support all our students in our geographically spread-out district.

-Safety and wheelchair accessibility improvements on playgrounds and around entrances.

This bond is a vital commitment to the current and future students of Hood Canal School and our wonderful community. Please vote YES!

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ARGUMENT AGAINST THE MEASURE

No argument submitted.



YOUR *Signature* MATTERS

VOTER REGISTRATION

Mason Voter

BALLOT ENVELOPE

~~Mason Voter~~



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The ballot envelope can only
be signed by you, the voter.
NO ONE CAN SIGN FOR YOU.

Your signature on the ballot envelope
will be compared to your signature in
your voter registration record.

Your Driver License signature may be
your signature on your voter registration
record.

A power of attorney **cannot** be used to
sign on the behalf of a voter.

If your signature does not match or you
forgot to sign your return declaration
envelope, we will send a letter to notify
you. You will have until the day before
certification to get the letter back to us
so your vote can count.

You can check your ballot status at
VoteWA.gov

5 Tips to Ensure Your Ballot is Counted

1. If you are returning your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than Election Day. We recommend depositing your ballot in a ballot drop box. Ballot drop boxes are locked promptly at 8:00 pm on Election Day.
2. Return your ballot in the voter's declaration return envelope. If you do not return your ballot in the signed declaration return envelope, it may not be counted.
3. You must sign the voter's declaration on the return envelope. If you do not sign, it will delay your ballot being counted. We will send you a form to sign. If we do not receive the signed form before the deadline, we cannot count your ballot.
4. Signature verification – If the signature on the voters' declaration return envelope does not match the signature in your voter registration record, we will send a form to update your signature. The updated signature must match the signature on the ballot envelope to be counted.
5. Do not sign someone else's voter declaration return envelope or have someone else sign for you. If you are unable to sign, you can make a mark or use a signature stamp in the signature area **and** have two witnesses sign with you on the declaration envelope. A power of attorney cannot be used.

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- ☒ Are you registered to vote?
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- ☒ Do you know the location of your nearest ballot box?

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